

LTBB ELECTION BOARD
Monday, March 30, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Denise Petoskey at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Denise Petoskey, Chairperson	Present
Eleanor Barber, Vice-Chairperson	Present
Carol Quinones, Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Alice Hughes, Board Member	Present
Martin VanDeCar, Board Member	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Alice, supported by Denise to approve the agenda as amended by adding the following four items under New Business 1. Letter from Beverly Wemigwase, 2. Complaint 03-30-2009-1 Campaign Violation, 3. Complaint 03-30-2009-2 Financial Disclosure Violation, 4. Information request. Motion read back by the Secretary. 5 yeas Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alice, supported by Denise to approve the minutes of March 6, 2009 as corrected by adding a C to NCMC. Motion read back by the Secretary. 5 yeas Motion carried.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairperson

Denise presented Carol with the receipts for the printing and the mailing of the flyers for the Candidates Forums. She presented the closeout report for 2008 to Carol. We used 81.5 % of our budget. We returned \$9,273.70 for year 2008. She talked about the Community Meeting and what items we may need to order for it. She suggested that we take another look at our policies and make sure that they address all of our responsibilities.

We need to make sure that our policies and procedures are very specific in how we handle things.

Motion made by Martin, supported by Alice to accept the verbal and written report of the Chairperson. Motion read back by the Secretary. 4 yeas 1 abstained (Denise) Motion carried.

Vice-Chairperson

Eleanor reported that she received 42 Candidate Information Booklets back, 45 flyers were returned and 6 Voter Registration forms. Beatrice Law has requested a list of the additional Voters. Eleanor has received questions regarding voter registrations that have been turned in but don't show up on the voter list. She has explained the procedure that we use to enter received applications.

Motion made by Alice, supported by Carol to accept the verbal and written report of the Vice-Chairperson. Motion read back by the Secretary. 4 yeas, 1 abstained (Eleanor). Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer

Carol reported that she included a copy of the attendance sheet that will be used for the forums. She has a separate sign-in for the candidates. There is a copy of the Evaluation Form to review and mark up if necessary. She received a request to have the Candidate Financial Disclosure Information faxed. She explained that we don't make copies of any financial information, but that we were going to be available in the office on the 30th, and 31st of March and the 1st, of April if they wanted to come and view the information. She never heard back from the person. Agendas were sent to the Candidates along with a list of the Election Board phone numbers. The Election Board Information will also be part of the hand-outs at the forums. She prepared the minutes and agenda for this meeting. She received 7 Voter Registrations.

Motion made by Eleanor, supported by Denise to accept the verbal and written report of the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion read back by the Secretary. 4 yeas 1 abstained (Carol). Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Registered Voter Up-date – 1,375 as of 03-30-2009

We reviewed the Voter applications that came in after the February 9th deadline to see if any should have reached us by the deadline and found that we had 15 that would meet the deadline. Motion made by Carol, supported by Alice to add the 15 voters who by post marked envelope met the February 9th deadline. Motion read back by the Secretary. 5 yeas Motion carried.

2. Election Up-date

Denise presented the written withdrawal of Candidate Rita Shananaquet due to her being appointed to fulfill the term of Councilor Oldman who passed on in February. Denise presented copies of the way the ballots will be set up and the changes in the instructions from Automated Election Services. Ballots for the Primary will go out on the 6th of April.

3. Review of Format for the Candidates Forum

We reviewed the information for the forum and assigned duties for the Election Board at the forum. Martin will be the moderator. Denise will be the time keeper, Carol, Eleanor, and Alice will do registration and Alice will note the names of the person who ask questions of the Candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter from Beverly Wemigwase

We took care of the concerns that Beverly expressed in the motion we passed by adding the 15 additional voters.

2. Complaint 03-30-2009-1 Campaign Violation

Denise received a call concerning a Candidate who was campaigning inside the Government Building. She informed the caller of the procedures that needed to be done before the Election Board could address the issue. The caller informed her that she would be following through on this matter.

- 3. Complaint 03-30-2009-2 Financial Disclosure Violation**
Denise received a call concerning the possibility of a Candidate who may not have made a full disclosure of all of their business holdings. Reviewing the Financial disclosure form of the Candidate in question would resolve the matter.
- 4. Denise received a request for copies of all the information that the Candidates submitted. She contacted Carol to copy the information.**
There was an in depth discussion about the types of information we should be releasing. Carol made copies of the information that would not put any Tribal Citizen or Candidate's privacy at risk. Carol and Denise will obtain information on the Release of Information Act.

ANNOUNCE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING/WORK SESSION

Office Hours – Tuesday, March 31st, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Work Session – Wednesday, April 1st, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Regular Meeting – Friday, April 3, 2009 in Lansing at 6 p.m.

Candidates Forum – Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 12 noon

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Eleanor, supported by Alice to adjourn this meeting at 8:30 p.m. 5 yeas Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes approved as written and presented

Minutes approved as amended or corrected on Friday, April 3, 2009

Carol Quinones

Carol Quinones, Secretary/Treasurer